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LATE ITEM

(Information as of 12:00 noon EDT)

Dominican Republic

The military situation in Santo Domingo remains relatively quiet, although the rebels have probed in the vicinity of the National Palace. Caamano's "government" obviously would like to seize the Palace if it could.

The Caamano group is still seeking diplomatic recognition. Its present prospects in the hemisphere remain slim. Venezuela, which had earlier appeared inclined to extend recognition, has decided against it.

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The situation in the hinterland remains generally quiet, although some signs of rebel activity have been noted in the southwestern part of the country. The US Embassy has received reports that rebels are moving into the countryside in an effort to create unrest and rally support for Caamano.

The Argentine ambassador says that Caamano's wife and two children are still in asylum in his embassy. The fact that Caamano is keeping them there suggests some irresolution on his part, or possibly doubt about the ultimate outcome.

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1. Vietnam

Shipments of Soviet military equipment to Hanoi may have begun to arrive. Preliminary field analysis of aerial photography taken on 6 May of Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi reports seven fighter aircraft in various stages of assembly alongside large packing crates. In all probability, these crates came by rail from the Soviet Union through China.

These new fighters would bring the total at Phuc Yen to 51. There is still no hard evidence that surface-to-air missile equipment has arrived in North Vietnam.

No significant new developments have been reported from Saigon since last evening.

2. India-Pakistan

The US Embassy in Karachi reports that the Pakistanis, finding themselves with the distinct possibility of major conflict with India, are now intensely concerned and greatly sobered. The embassy says they now seem prepared, "as never before," to rely upon diplomacy to calm the situation.

The embassy estimates, however, that there is "appreciable danger" of a conflagration, possibly as a consequence of a calculated decision in New Delhi, but much more likely through some inadvertent incident.

The embassy points out that ground forces of the two sides are in places deployed only a hundred yards or so apart and that reconnaissance aircraft are flying up and down the borders.

3. Panama

Former president Arnulfo Arias
plans to return to Panama City on Monday,

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4. Communist China

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